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*Zurich*, June 1.

DEputies from all the Cantons met at Baden the 18th of last Month according to appointment, to hold a General Diet, and the Session was open'd the 19th. The 20th the Marquess de Puisieux Ambassador of France repair'd thither from Soluthurn, as did likewise Monsieur de Mellarede the Envoy of Savoy from Berne. The 23d the Marquess de Puisieux presented the following Memorial to the Diet.

*Magnificent Lords!*

I Am oblig'd to tell you, that the King my Master perceives with Dissatisfaction that the continual Marks he gives you of his Kindness and Esteem for the Laudable Helvetick Body, produce a quite different Effect from what might be expected.

When your laudable Ancestors saw their Neighbours engag'd in War, they contented themselves with taking care to preserve the Tranquility of the inmost part of their Country, and of their Borders; without concerning themselves with the Tranquility of Countries belonging to their Neighbours: But you, Magnificent Lords, were not content that the King, out of regard to you, granted a Neutrality for the Frikthal, and the Towns of Rhinfelden, Lauffenbourg, and Constance; you desir'd his Majesty to give his Word, that neither his own Troops, nor those of the Elector of Bavaria, should post themselves along the Banks of the Rhine and of the Lake of Constance, from Basil to Bregents: He consented. Not satisfied with this, you desir'd that a Tract of Country of a League in breadth along the same Banks of the Rhine and of the Lake of Constance, might be exempted from all Military Executions; Notwithstanding this Request was wholly against his Majesty's Interest, he did not stick to grant it till next Midsomer-day, that you might have time to prevail with the Emperor to shew the like Complaisance.

All these Regards which my Master has had for you have not suffic'd. As soon as the Duke of Savoy's Minister had represented to you that his Majesty's Aim in possessing himself of Savoy was to surround you on all sides, you appear'd alarm'd at it; and without considering that of all your Allies the King is the only one whose Power you have least reason to fear, you desir'd his Majesty would yield to a Neutrality for Savoy: A Proposal directly contrary to his Interest. However, his Majesty, who is always ready to hearken to any thing that may increase your Tranquility, was pleased to offer to commit the Chablais and the Faussigni to your keeping, that the War might be remov'd from your Frontiers. You rejected that Offer, on Pretence that there is no Place in those two Provinces in a Condition of Defence. His Majesty took off that Objection by assuring you, that if he should take Montmeillan, which is the only Place of Strength in all Savoy, he would put it into your Hands to keep it for him. All these Condescentions on the part of so great a King do not satisfie some of the Laudable Cantons, because the Duke of Savoy does not approve them; and they continue to demand a Neutrality for all Savoy. The same Laudable Cantons, assembled at Baden, drew up a Project of a Neutrality, all the Articles of which are taken out of the Sieur de la Mellarede's Memorials; believing that his Majesty ought to accept it, and deliver up his Conquests, before a Peace, into the Hands of his Enemies, with the Passages he has an absolute occasion for to Succour the Dominions of the King of Spain.

The Emperor having no Consideration for you, has violated your Territories, and violates them daily, when his Service requires it, and you demand no Satisfaction of him. You have heard quietly and without Resentment, all the Menaces of the Count of Trautmansdorf, so far as to bear with his renouncing, on the part of the Emperor, the Hereditary Treaty between you. Does his Majesty treat you in such a manner, and have you not cause to commend the exact Discipline the Troops he has in your Neighbourhood are made to observe? They have never committed the least Disorder, for which you have not receiv'd all the Satisfaction you could desire. Could his Majesty demonstrate greater Consideration for the Laudable Helvetick Body, than in lessening the Contributions in the Enemies Territories at the Instance of some of the Laudable Cantons?

I repeat to you, Magnificent Lords, that the King observes with Dissatisfaction, that all his Complaisance for you, (I give it that Name, because the greatest part of what he has granted you, is what he was not oblig'd to do by his Alliance,) has not produc'd on your part that reciprocal Correspondence which his Majesty might have justly expected: On the contrary, he sees by the Project of Neutrality which some of the Laudable Cantons have caus'd to be presented to him, that they continue to make no Demand but what is for the Advantage of the Enemies of the two Crowns of France and Spain.

I receiv'd some days ago, the King's Answer to the Project of Neutrality for Savoy which was propos'd to him by some of the Laudable Cantons: But as you know I have nothing more at Heart, than during my Ministry among you to seek all means that may keep up the Good Understanding and Confederal Friendship that has been so many Ages between France and the Laudable Helvetick Body, I made most pressing Instances to his Majesty to obtain of him an Answer different from the first I receiv'd; an Answer in short that might put an end to the Uneasiness some of the Laudable Cantons express to see Savoy in the Hands of his Majesty. I have receiv'd a second Answer, Magnificent Lords, and I have good reason to expect it will be well accepted, at least by those who act on this Occasion without any Partiality, and who pursue such a Conduct as becomes good and faithful Allies of a great King, who seeks only to maintain that happy Tranquility they enjoy with so much Glory. This Answer impowers me *To assure you on the Part of his Majesty, that he will not unite Savoy to his Crown, when a Peace shall be concluded.* This Assurance ought to dispell your Fears, and this Assurance I am ready to give you in Writing, whenever you shall demand it.

Examine now, Magnificent Lords, how far the Conduct of the King my Master towards the Helvetick Body differs from that of his Enemies, and consider at the same time whether you have the same regard to the Interest of his Majesty as you shew for the Potentates that are at War with him: Judge without Partiality, whether the King ought not to make the best use of the Advantages which God has given him over his Enemies, by the Valour of his Troops, and the Justice of his Cause.

I invite you, Magnificent Lords, to endeavour to maintain the Continuation of a Confederal good Understanding between his Majesty and your Laudable Body; to which good Intelligence I shall always contribute with my best Offices, &c.

*Baden*, May 23. 1704. *Puisieux.*

This

This ſhort and dry Anſwer did not a little ſurprize the Laudable Cantons, particularly the Proteſtants; and upon a Motion made by them, the Roman Catholicks agreed with them to ſend a Solemn Deputation to the Marqueſs de Puiſieux, to ſignifie to him, that the Laudable Helvetick Body could not be ſatisfied with ſo flat an Anſwer, ſeeing the Point in Queſtion concern'd the Security of their Territories and even of their Dominions, and that they hoped it was not his Majeſty's final Reſolution. This Deputation was made the 25th, but the Marqueſs was ſtanch, and told them plainly, it was the only Anſwer he had to give. The next day Monſieur de la Mellarede preſented the following Memorial to the Diet.

*Moſt illuſtrious and moſt puiſſant Lords!*

WHat I all along foreſaw, and took the freedom to repreſent to you, is now fully manifeſt. France, after having employ'd all manner of Shifts and Artifices to gain time and hinder your taking proper Meaſures with his Royal Highneſs for preſerving Savoy, weary of reſtraining their haughty and proud Spirit, have fairly thrown off the Mask, and own'd their Deſign. They would have you quietly ſuffer your ſelves to be ſhut up; they would have you leave it in their Power to ruine you whenever they ſhall think fit; they would have you permit them to render you unable to help your ſelves; upon giving you their Promiſe, that after they have reduc'd you to ſo wretched a Condition, they will deliver you out of it. They would engage you to abandon the Countries whoſe Converſation is of the greateſt Importance to you; to the end they may convince Europe from henceforward, that in Switzerland they know how to divert and prevent the Effects of the ſtrongeſt and moſt indiſpenſible Reaſons of State; and, conſequently, to the end that no Potentate may think any more of entring with you into ſure Meaſures for the publick Safety, that ſo they may have a clear Stage to play all their Artifices among you; They have given you a freſh Demonſtration, that all the important Services you have rendred them, have not made the leaſt Shadow of an Impreſſion upon them, and that they make no Account at all of thoſe you now do them, nor of the Number of Troops you have in their Service, which ſo much exceeds the Number you are engag'd by your Alliances to furniſh, and which you wink at, notwithſtanding ſo many Complaints that they are employ'd on Occaſions that are not allow'd of by thoſe Alliances. They add Inſolence to the little Regard they have for your Sollicitations. Their Miniſter takes the freedom to ridicule them openly. He diſdainfully refuſes you the moſt natural and the juſteſt thing a Republick can ever demand, and dares to affirm you are highly oblig'd to him for ſo doing, and that you are extreamly in the Wrong to be ſatisfied with nothing that he grants. He harſhly upbraids you with pretended Kindneſſes, which were the Fruits of your own Steadineſs, and which he has endeavour'd to render uſeleſs by all imaginable Artifices. His Memorial of the 23d of this Month (in ſpite of all the Pains he takes to give a dazling Colour to all he advances,) is a faithful Glaſs, in which you may ſee at firſt ſight that France has reſolv'd your Ruine; and that they are laying up, in the Reproaches made you in that Memorial, Matter for Pretexts. I have no mind to purſue that Miniſter's vaſt Sallies of Imagination; Who can endure ſo long a Chace? Beſides, all he advances overthrows it ſelf ſo viſibly, that a Nation ſo clear-ſighted as you, will eaſily perceive his Illuſions without being tir'd with my Repreſentations.

But I take the Liberty to repeat to you, moſt Illuſtrious and moſt Puiſſant Lords, that I all along foreſaw what is now come to paſs: not that I could diſcern the Way France would take to fruſtrate all your Endeavours for the publick Tranquility; God keep me from over-much Knowledge in a Caſe that involves Chriſtendom in ſo many Calamities; But I always judg'd by reflecting on the Management of all thoſe who have had any thing to do with France, that as long as you ſhould employ Sollicitations only, and not take bold and vigorous Reſolutions to keep your ſelves out of the Condition they ſeek to bring you into, all your Repreſentations, all your Requeſts, and the great Pains you have had the Goodneſs to take, would all prove not only Uſeleſs, but make you loſe more precious Time, and more favourable Opportunities, than can eaſily concur again.

Notwithſtanding which, his Royal Highneſs, thoroughly affected with your Sollicitude for the Conſervation of your Neighbourhood, and being always diſpos'd to ſhew his ſincere Acknowledgment and Compliance with all your Proceedings, has hitherto gone on chearfully in the Way you thought fit to chooſe; nay he has always preſs'd forward and prevented your Deſires, to make the Way eaſie to you; and his Royal Highneſs has in a manner left you abſolute Maſters of his Conduct in this Affair.

But, moſt Illuſtrious and moſt Puiſſant Lords, as you cannot but grant you are concern'd in Honour not to employ any longer the fruitleſs Means of Negociation with France; and that all you do that way is but giving them an occaſion to ſhew more and more the little regard they have for you; So his Royal Highneſs on his part is too much concern'd in Intereſt to know what he may depend upon, to ſuffer himſelf longer to lay any Streſs on ſo vain a Negociation as that muſt be which is ſet on foot to prevail with France to quit the Deſigns their Advidity inſpires into them; and my Powers on that Head are expir'd, upon their Miniſter's rejecting the Terms of Neutrality you propos'd to them. But they extend to treat with you, in order to take proper Meaſures for his Highneſs's Safety and yours, and to procure for you all the reaſonable Advantages you can deſire of him, which may for ever ſecure your Tranquility on the ſide of Savoy, and preſerve a free Communication between you and a Prince your Neighbour, whoſe Intereſt is properly interwoven with yours.

This is the only Courſe you can take, and, I dare affirm your own Safety indiſpenſibly requires, and that your Reputation obliges you to do it. All Europe, whoſe Eyes are bent upon this Negociation which has made ſo much Noiſe, expects it. His Royal Highneſs in particular is ſo well perſwaded of your Friendſhip for him, of your Wiſdom and Courage, and is ſo well ſatisfied you will take ſuch Reſolutions as he deſires of you, (which are in no wiſe repugnant to your Alliances with France,) without running your ſelves into any Inconvenience, that he makes no Doubt you will take them. He has order'd me to aſſure you of his Confidence, of his Friendſhip and the Eſteem he has for yours, and at the ſame time to deſire you to give me a ſpeedy and poſitive Anſwer on this Subject, which will admit of no longer delay.

I beſeech the Almighty to ſhower upon you, moſt Illuſtrious and moſt Puiſſant Lords, Proſperity and Bleſſings of all ſorts.

*Baden*, May 26. 1704. *P. Mellarede.*

*The Sequel of this Affair ſhall be found in tomorrow's Courant.*

*London*, June 9.

Yeſterday Stocks were as follows, Bank 125 & a half. New Comp. 248. Shares 30 & a half. Old Comp. 129. Million Bank 86 & a qr. Sword Blades 85. African 19. Army Debentures 82.


For the Benefit of Mr. MILLS.

Not Acted theſe Six Years.

AT the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, to-this preſent Friday being the 9th of June, will be reviv'd, an Opera call'd, PSYCHE, or, Love's Miſtreſs. With all the Muſick, Vocal and Inſtrumental, compos'd by the Famous Mr. Matthew Lock, in which Mr. Leveridge performs the chief Characters, as Pan, Vulcan, Pluto and Apollo. And all New Dances proper to the Occaſion, particularly an Arbour Dance in Imitation of the Original, in which Monſieur du Ruel, Monſieur Cherrier, and Monſieur Laforeſt, with ſeveral other Maſters, perform with all the Scenes and Flyings as they were formerly repreſented. This being the firſt Performance of an Opera this Year.

Whereas a Letter was writ by an unknown Hand, with one incloſ'd Letter in it, about the 3d of this inſtant June. If the Perſon who writ it will ſend word where he will meet the Party, the Contents of his Letter will be taken kindly and obſerv'd as deſir'd, otherwiſe may be of great Prejudice. June 8. 1704.



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